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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 1 July 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Major General Robert Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General James H. Walsh, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Robert A. Breitweiser, Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
24 June Meeting
(IAC-M-349)

Approved as written.

2. Situation Review

- a. Watch Committee Report
No. 412

Noted.

- b. Memorandum from Watch
Committee re Cognizance
of North African Situation
(IAC-D-6/20, 25 June)

The IAC considered a Watch Committee memorandum dealing with Watch Committee cognizance of the North African situation. It was agreed that the Watch Committee be relieved of the requirement for submitting formal conclusions or comments on the North African situation in its regular weekly Watch Report, in the absence of important new developments. However, in taking this action, the IAC also wished it understood that the Watch Committee should continue to regard the North African situation as sensitive and to give that situation its closest attention on a normal basis.*

- c. Review of Sensitive Situations

The Chairman stated that the Lebanese situation remained sensitive and referred to certain recent developments in that area.

The members discussed certain aspects of the Cuban situation, particularly the possible implications of the abduction of U. S. citizens by rebel forces.

* The Secretary has forwarded a memorandum to the Acting Chairman, Watch Committee, advising him of this action by the IAC.

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With respect to Asia, the members reviewed recent military and political developments in Indonesia. The Chairman also referred to reports regarding possible imminent changes in the internal political situation in Ceylon. Mr. Kent stated that no comments had been received from [] on the [] report which had been discussed at last week's IAC meeting (IAC-M-349, item 2 b). However, he noted that [] at a meeting on 27 June had substantially reaffirmed its earlier appreciation of the outlook in Burma. General Walsh invited attention to recent developments in the Taiwan situation, especially with respect to reports of the movement of aircraft in that area. Mr. Sheldon noted that the Taiwan Strait committee had been actively reviewing this problem.

The members also exchanged views on various aspects of the Polish situation, including the nature of the pressures on Gomulka and information bearing on the movement of Soviet or Satellite troops in that area. In this connection, the members (in subsequent discussion during the review of the estimates program) agreed that a Board of National Estimates memorandum on current Soviet policy (including material on the Polish situation), which was circulated at the meeting, should be coordinated and submitted for review as an SNIE at the next regular IAC meeting.

3. Priority National Intelligence
Objectives -- Annexes B, C, D,
E and F to DCID 1/3
(Memorandum to IAC, 24 June)

After discussion the members agreed that it was appropriate for subsidiary priority national intelligence objectives to be submitted for review and approval by the IAC. The members then considered various sets of draft subsidiary objectives and approved the following draft annexes to DCID 1/3 (Priority National Intelligence Objectives) as submitted: []

[] was approved subject to the insertion of the following statement after the fourth line of paragraph D: "Particular emphasis will be placed on:"

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In the review of [] Admiral Frost raised a question with respect to upgrading paragraphs II a and II b to first priority. The members discussed this matter and the related question of the allocation of priorities in the over-all priority objectives, which had been previously approved (DCID 1/3). After discussion it was agreed that the basic priority objectives should be reviewed in the light of this discussion, particularly with respect to the possibility of upgrading certain "cold war" activities from second to first priority. It was also agreed that possible draft amendments to the over-all PNIO's should be submitted for review at an early IAC meeting, with the understanding that any prior approval of the subsidiary objectives referred to above should be considered only tentative, and subject to further review in the light of the final decision with respect to the over-all PNIO's.

5. Quarterly Review of National
Estimates Program
(Memorandum to IAC, 26 June)

Approved as amended. These amendments included the addition of: (1) a new SNIE on "Sino-Soviet and Free World Reactions to US Use of Nuclear Weapons in Limited War in the Far East," with a target date of 22 July in order to meet an NSC requirement and (2) a new SNIE on "Current Soviet Policy," with the understanding that a Board of National Estimates' memorandum, dated 30 June, would be used as the basis for a coordinated paper to be reviewed by the IAC on 8 July. In view of these changes it was agreed that the estimates

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on Argentina and Thailand could have later target dates and that the North African paper should be scheduled for IAC consideration on 22 July. The members also approved certain suggested changes in the titles of SNIE 100-6-58 and NIE 100-5-58.

6. NIE 100-2-58

Development of Nuclear Capabilities
by Fourth Countries: Likelihood
and Consequences

a. Approved as amended.

b. No member objected to the release of this estimate to USIA.

7. Executive Session

At 1215 the Chairman requested an executive session.

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Adjournment: 1300

JOHN HEIRES
Secretary

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